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NEW REPORT HIGHLIGHTS FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE PROGRAMS

The 1,000-pound sea turtle that attacked a boat full of biologists, the harmless-looking mussel that is menacing the Great Lakes, the museum that was running a scam for illegal animal trophies and the sneaky attempt to fool female sea lampreys into choosing sterilized mates are just a few of the items highlighted in "Fish and Wildlife '91," the annual report from the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The report covers the agency's major fish and wildlife conservation programs. Among other topics, the report offers information on new national wildlife refuges, fish restoration programs, and listing and recovery efforts for endangered species.

"We hope this report will be useful and interesting to people who want to know more about our country's conservation programs," said John Turner, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

As the primary Federal agency for fish and wildlife conservation, the Service has major responsibilities for migratory birds, nationally significant freshwater and anadromous (sea-run) fisheries, endangered species, and some marine mammals. The agency has some 700 field units and installations and oversees 91 million acres of national wildlife refuges.

Single copies of the 80-page report are available free from the Publications Unit, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 130 Arlington Square, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (703-358-1711).